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## CELEBRATION IS CALLED OFF

County Health Board Orders Service Men to Not Hold Affair As Precaution Against Possible Outbreak of Influenza.

The celebration planned by the American Legion is off the boards. It died, so to speak, of the flu. That is, the health authorities of the county believe that the celebration and all other affairs which will bring in outside crowds should be given up.

This decision was arrived at Monday night by the health board after consultation with many people.

In the morning an important meeting was held in the office of the County Health Officer, Dr. L. H. Pate. It was attended by practically the entire membership of the Board of Health for Eddy county and by a number of members of the American Legion.

The meeting was called for the purpose of discussing the advisability of holding or of dropping the big celebration which has been planned by the American Legion, Bryan Mudgett Post, in view of the possibility of a devastating influenza epidemic.

The matter was discussed from all angles, and in the early session, no action was taken, other than to put before the American Legion the matter, as it appeared to the Board of Health. The Board of Health is a new organization. It came into being through the enforcement of a new health law, which was passed by the recent legislature.

The Eddy County Board was organized last week, and it immediately took into consideration the matter of the celebration, and the board consulted with several citizens regarding it last Saturday. Monday the same question was resumed, although at this meeting the board was joined by the Legion.

Dr. Pate, Monday, discussed the recent developments. It appeared that three cases had developed at Artesia, and one death had been reported at El Paso. Eight cases were said to exist at Fort Sumner, and it was also said to have appeared at Hagerman.

The health officer stated that the law was strict in that it would require a five days quarantine of all persons known to have been exposed, and strict quarantine of all patients ill of the disease. It appeared that greater danger was known to exist when large bodies of people were gathered together, such as would occur in a well-advertised celebration such as the American Legion plans, than would be present in a community affair, like a church, a school or a picture show.

As proof of how this danger is thought to exist, Dr. Pate read extracts of a letter from one of the state health authorities, stating that should a traveling amusement company play in Carlsbad during the celebration, it would be advisable to have each member examined daily and should a symptom of flu exist, to quarantine the entire company until all known danger had passed.

Various opinions were given by several speakers. Dr. Pate said, "Personally, I do not believe that we will have a recurrence of the flu epidemic, as we knew it last year, although we will surely have the usual number of respiratory cases from now until the early part of next year."

F. G. Tracy said, "The flu has

broken out in Los Angeles, although on my trip home overland I heard little or nothing of it, until my arrival in Carlsbad."

M. C. Stewart said, "We want the members of the American Legion to know that it is not a personal feeling, for there is not a man on the committee but what wants the celebration to be pulled off, but we are acting for the good of the community."

W. F. McIlvain said, "The doctors of Texas have been asked to volunteer their services, and be listed, should an epidemic occur."

Johnny Hewitt, one of the committee sent to El Paso to secure the co-operation of the military authorities, and who, by the way, did secure a splendid endorsement from the general officer in command, said, "Gen. Howze did not mention the possibility of flu to us, when he told us that he would give us a band and an aeroplane flight, if possible."

Tom McLanathan said, "The men of the American Legion would be the first to abandon the celebration, should the flu threaten, but we want to know that there is a possibility of the danger, rather than a bare probability."

Frank Moritz said, "We would like to have the Board of Health secure information from Albuquerque regarding the celebration to be pulled off there on the sixteenth of this month, before it takes action on our celebration." Mr. Moritz also explained the action of the authorities at Camp Travis, who sent the men out on outdoor exercises after the flu had developed, and which resulted in a decrease of the flu. Mr. Moritz also said, "With the exception of the dances, we have planned our celebration as an outdoor affair, which, we believe, eliminates the danger from crowding people in buildings."

Charley Rarey said, "The Legion is willing to go home, if the authorities think it best." Mayor Grantham did not express an opinion, as he was forced to leave the meeting early to attend court.

Major Rujac, Post Commander of the Legion, also spoke briefly, as his presence was required in court. Major Rujac said, "We all know that in the army, that in matters of health, the word of the doctor goes. I think it is a question for the medical authorities of the county and state to decide. The Legion will abide by the decision of the board."

The Board of Health was invited to appear before the next meeting of the Legion, and there discuss the question. It also developed that many members of the Legion had had extensive experience in caring for influenza patients in the camps, and it was thought a wise plan to secure the aid of these men so that, should an epidemic occur, all who had knowledge of nursing should be available to the community.

Frank Moritz outlined plans of the celebration, and as to what had already been accomplished. Mr. Moritz said, "We have secured a thousand dollars in contributions. We have been promised twenty beavers. The wild west showmen have put up a thousand dollars in prizes in their outfit. We have been promised all possible help from Fort Bliss by Gen. Howze, including a band, and a flight of airplanes, with a recruiting outfit and other help in the celebration."

At the conclusion of the meeting, one of the board of health committee said, "We appreciate your position as members of the Legion, and we want you to appreciate ours as members of the Board of Health."

Members of the Board of Health

## First Photo of Germany's New Air Liner Bodensee Launched by the Hamburg-American S. S. Company.



A view of the Hamburg-American S. S. Company's new air liner, the Bodensee, in her hangar at Friedrichshafen, showing the forward gondola of the passenger airship. The Bodensee was built for passenger service and recently made her maiden trip from Friedrichshafen to Berlin. That America is waking up to the possibilities of air transportation is shown by the trans-continental air race now on, and which is told about in another column of the Current.

present were: Dr. L. H. Pate, Francis G. Tracy, C. E. Mann, L. A. Swigart, M. C. Stewart, W. F. McIlvain and Mayor D. G. Grantham.

Members of the Legion present were: Major E. P. Rujac, Frank Moritz, Tom McLanathan, Charley Rarey, Will Stipp, Johnny Hewitt, Jr., Paul Bristow, K. H. Jones and Dudley Smith.

### NOTICE OF THE SESSION OF THE COUNTY HEALTH COMMITTEE OF EDDY COUNTY IN SESSION OCTOBER 10th AND 11th, 1919.

The Public Health Committee, after considering and calling before them many of the business men and citizens of Carlsbad and members of the American Legion and doctors of the city and getting authentic reports that there were fifteen cases of influenza in Hagerman, some of which are very severe; three cases in Artesia, and four in Carlsbad, and on the advice of the State Department of Health to prohibit any public gatherings when people were expected to come in from a territory where flu is on the increase, the following motion was moved and seconded: "That we proceed to vote on the matter of permitting the American Legion to hold the Victory Celebration as contemplated October 15th and 16th, and the matter of any other public gatherings of a similar nature." The committee voting unanimously to discontinue any such gatherings for the time being, therefore, the American Legion is hereby instructed to postpone this picnic or celebration and that any other similar gathering of a large number of people from unknown communities be prohibited until such time as there seems to be no danger of spreading the epidemic of influenza.

The committee desires to express their appreciation of the loyal manner in which the Legion and citizens cooperate in preserving the public health and each and every member of the committee regrets the necessity of taking such action as stated above, but under the existing circumstances, there seems but one course to pursue.

W. F. McILVAIN, Secretary.  
F. G. TRACY, Chairman.  
L. H. PATE, County Health Officer.

### CINCINNATI WINS FOUR GAMES, CHICAGO THREE.

Redland Field, Ohio, Oct. 8. Winning today's game against Cincinnati, 4 to 1, the recently defeated and all but hopeless White Sox of Chicago now consider themselves real contenders for the world's championship.

The series now stands four games for Cincinnati and three for the Chicago White Sox. Tomorrow they will play in Chicago. Cleo who was driven from the box in the first game of the series, pitched today's game for Chicago, allowing seven hits.

### LOW RATES TO TEACHERS' MEET.

Reduced rates to the New Mexico Educational convention at Albuquerque Nov. 22 and 26 have been granted, the state corporation commission has been advised by the U. S. railroad administration. The tickets will be on sale from all New Mexico stations Nov. 19 to 25 good to return until Nov. 29. The rate is one and one-third fare, round trip tickets, which will be sold to only members of the association and dependent members of their families.

## PROCEEDINGS OF DISTRICT COURT

The regular October term of the District Court for Eddy County convened Monday, Nov. 10, at 10 o'clock, Hon. Sam A. Bratton presiding. The greater part of the morning of the first day was consumed in empanelling the grand jury. In his charge to the grand jury, Judge Bratton laid special stress on the duty of the grand jury to investigate thoroughly any violations of the prohibition law and the law against carrying concealed weapons. He stated that New Mexico is no longer a part of the "Wild West," and that the time has passed when there is any necessity or excuse for men going about armed with their forty-fives, in open violation of our laws, that the custom of carrying concealed weapons is the source of many killings and shooting scrapes that otherwise would never happen. In line with the nation-wide movement having for its object the reduction of the high cost of living, Judge Bratton also instructed the grand jury that we have in this state against monopolies and trusts or combinations in restraint of trade. He stated that contracts or combinations that shall operate to control or fix the price of merchandise or other articles of commerce are illegal, and that if the statutes along this line have been violated, indictments should be found.

Myron Clark was appointed foreman of the grand jury, and R. B. Armstrong and D. W. Lincoln were sworn in as bailiffs.

After the grand jury retired to take up their deliberations, the civil and criminal dockets were called and cases set for trial. There were only four civil cases in which a demand was made for a jury. These will be tried after the criminal docket is disposed of. The petit jury did not report until Tuesday morning, and the panels were not completely filled until Wednesday morning. It is thought that the petit jury will be held over the greater part of next week.

In the case of State vs. Jack Beach, charged with larceny of neat cattle, the jury Wednesday night returned a verdict of guilty. His punishment, which may be confinement from one to ten years in the State penitentiary, will be fixed by the court. Thursday was consumed in the trial of the case of State vs. Cecil Bearup, charged with assault with intent to commit murder, in which case the jury returned a verdict of not guilty, after having been out only a few minutes.

The grand jury made its final report Wednesday afternoon about six o'clock, after having found twelve indictments. It report was as follows:

**Report of Grand Jury.**  
To the Honorable Sam A. Bratton, Judge of the Fifth Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, sitting within and for the County of Eddy:

We, the Grand Jurors, duly empaneled, sworn and charged at this the October, 1919, Term of the District Court for Eddy County, beg leave to report as follows: We have investigated all matters brought before us or coming to our knowledge; we have examined sixty-six witnesses during our session, and have returned into Court twelve True Bills and four No Bills. Through the committee appointed by our Foreman, we have made an examination of the court house and

### VALLEY FARMERS MUST HAVE HELP IN COTTON PATCHES.

The cotton farmers in the lower valley have been very much exercised about getting their cotton picked, pickers being very scarce this year and the crop very heavy. At a meeting held Tuesday, it was deemed necessary that Mexicans be brought in from Texas if the crop is to be saved. Roy Dickson, who is running the hardware store of Roberts-Deaerborne company, at Loving, was selected as the best man to look after the matter, he being familiar with the language and also with conditions in that part of the country from which they expect to get the laborers. Accordingly, his employers here were telephoned to and the matter placed before them. Realizing the need of the farmers, Messrs. Roberts and Deaerborne, at some inconvenience to themselves, were glad to assist them in their time of need by allowing Mr. Dickson to go to Texas and endeavor to secure the needed help. He left on Wednesday morning, George Roberts taking charge of the store while he is gone. The spirit of co-operation on the part of Messrs. Roberts and Deaerborne is certainly to be commended and will no doubt be greatly appreciated by the people in the lower valley. Mr. Dickson will probably be away a week or ten days.

Rev. C. Ross Payne, of Albuquerque, will preach at the First Baptist church, Sunday, Oct. 12, both morning and evening. All are invited to attend these services.

The various offices and report as follows:

We had the various offices of a good condition and the books and records neatly and well kept. The Court room was found neat, clean and in order.

We recommend that new suitable table and chairs for the use of attorneys in the District Court room and new desk and chair for the Court be provided.

In the jail we find the prisoners well fed and kindly treated; we recommend that the old quilts now being used as bedding for the prisoners be discarded and blankets be provided as bedding; we also recommend that the hole in the ceiling of the jail be repaired.

We find there are numbers of children who have been left fatherless and motherless and without homes by ravages of the late epidemic of influenza and recommend, if within the bounds of the authority of this Court, that some means and way be provided for their education and sustenance.

We desire to thank the various officials, the Court, the District Attorney's office and the Sheriff's office for their kind and courteous treatment of us during our session. Thus having completed our labors, we respectfully ask the Court that we be discharged.

THE GRAND JURY.  
M. K. CLARK, Foreman.

F. G. Tracy, Vice-Pres.  
Annie L. Dalton, 2nd Vice-Pres.  
Lewis E. Alexander, Secy.-Treas.

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## 62 AIRSHIPS IN 5000-MILE RACE

Propose to Fly Across United States From New York to San Francisco, California, in Longest Race in History.

Minneapolis, N. Y., Oct. 8.—Forty-seven airplanes piloted, with one exception, by American military aviators, started from here today to blaze an aerial trail 5,000 miles across the continent and return in the greatest speed, endurance and reliability contest in history, while from San Francisco 15 planes took the air for the east. Five more planes will leave here tomorrow.

At sundown Lieut. B. W. Maynard, a Baptist minister and winner of the recent trip contest between New York and Toronto, had flown 549 miles from Minneapolis and landed at Chicago, while several other westbound contestants were resting overnight at Binghamton, Rochester, Buffalo, Bryan and Cleveland, control stations along the way. Eight accidents in which three persons were killed and one injured had been reported tonight to the headquarters of the American Flying club here, which is co-operating with the army air service in conducting the contest.

The only foreign entrant in the race, who were British, were eliminated before they had crossed the state boundary.

**Major Crissey and Observer Killed.**

Salt Lake City, Utah, Oct. 8.—Maj. D. H. Crissey and Sergt. Virgil Thomas, observers of Mather field, Sacramento, Cal., were almost instantly killed late today when the De Havilland Four airplane in which they were riding dived into a small pond near the Buena Vista landing field near here.

The aviators were just completing the first lap of the International Airplane Derby and were the ninth of the east-bound entrants to reach this city, the first overnight stopping place.

As the high machine approached the field Major Crissey was seen to signal a greeting to his brother aviators who had preceded him. He started to circle the field preparatory to landing. As he was completing the circle Sergeant Thomas was seen to stand up in the observer's cockpit and he, too, waved to those on the field. With the engine shut off the machine had started to turn into the straightaway before descending when it suddenly turned and dived, nose down, 150 feet into the pond of mud and water.

Aviators and spectators rushed to the scene and helped to remove the aviators. Both were unconscious when taken from the pond and both were dead when they arrived at a hospital.

**Baptist Minister Leads Flyers.**

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 8. Flying in the remarkable time of approximately two miles a minute, First Lieut. B. W. Maynard, Baptist minister and overseas veteran, today led the westbound transcontinental fliers much of the way from Minneapolis to Chicago and was the only one to reach here. It was the first New York-Chicago aerial journey made between sunrise and sunset.

Driving a De Havilland four machine with a passenger and a German police dog aboard, the lieutenant, who recently won the Toronto-New York race, covered the distance of 810 miles in approximately six hours and forty-five minutes of actual flying time, or about nine hours and twenty-nine minutes of elapsed time.

### RARE FISH MAY BE PUT IN NEW MEXICO WATERS.

If a suitable water can be found the forest service hopes to introduce the famous golden trout of California to the fishermen of New Mexico. This species, which is regarded as the most beautiful, and the gamest of all trout, formerly inhabited only one stream in the world, Volcano creek, one of the headwaters of Kern river, California, but it has been extensively transplanted by the California Game and Fish commission, with great success.

One of the important factors to be considered in introducing a new species is to avoid mixing the different species in the same water, and it is for this reason that the forest service is exercising great care in locating the stream which may be suitable for trying out the experiment here in New Mexico.

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